

committed to this, and hope that this important step forward will help build the good will and bipartisanship necessary to deliver on all of our long-term goals in the years ahead.

I want to especially thank my primary cosponsor, Senator MIKE DEWINE, who has been a passionate leader on adoption and child welfare reform for many years. Senator DEWINE was a leader in 1997 on improving the reasonable efforts standards to ensure that a child's health, safety, and need for a permanent home are priorities. This change and others have helped reform the system and dramatically increase adoptions.

I also want to thank and recognize the strong bipartisan support from all of my Senate colleagues for our original bill, including Senators BINGAMAN, BOND, BREAUX, CHAFEE, COLLINS, CRAIG, DEWINE, GRAHAM, JOHNSON, KERRY, LANDRIEU, LEVIN, LIEBERMAN, LINCOLN, AND SNOWE.

In West Virginia, adoptions are increasing, thanks to both the reforms set in 1997 under the Adoption and Safe Families Act, and the new investments. My state needs increased funding to help develop local community-based programs, so our children can get needed services in their own communities and not be sent out-of-state, away from family, friends and familiar schools. I am proud of my State for its improvement, but we all understand much more must be done, in West Virginia and nationwide, for these vulnerable children who depend on our efforts.

Today's action provides a good foundation, but we must continue working in a bipartisan manner to build upon today's action, and achieve all of the goals we share.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise in support of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001. This legislation continues our support for state efforts to reunify troubled families and to promote the adoption of children in foster care who are unable to return to their birth homes. It also authorizes additional educational assistance to former foster children in the Independent Living program. Abused and neglected children are among the most vulnerable of all the members of our society—it is important that we continue to look after their needs.

This proposal mirrors that made by the President. I thank him for his interest in this issue. It is an important part of being a compassionate leader, ensuring that federal efforts to assist abused and neglected children continue. It also contains a new proposal offered by the President, authorizing a new grant program to mentor the children of prisoners, a particularly disadvantaged group. I commend him for that idea.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any state-

ments relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2873) was read the third time and passed.

#### THE USE OF TRUST LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 483, and the Senate now proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 483) regarding the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 483) was read the third time and passed.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL GUARD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 365TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 93, submitted earlier today by Senators LEVIN, WARNER, and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 93) recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of the 365th anniversary of its historic beginning with the founding of the militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am privileged today to introduce a concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of the 365th anniversary of its historic beginning with the founding of the militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

This resolution is cosponsored by all members of the Armed Services Committee, the Majority Leader, Senator DASCHLE, the Republican Leader, Senator LOTT, the co-chairs of the U.S. Senator National Guard Caucus, Senators LEAHY and BOND, and Senator ROCKEFELLER. I invite all other mem-

bers to join with me in cosponsoring this concurrent resolution.

It is significant that we appropriately recognize the 365th anniversary of the National Guard, which serves our Nation 365 days a year. National Guardsmen and women respond to every crisis that affects American citizens, from natural disasters to terrorist attacks.

As one of the Members of Congress who visited the ruins of the World Trade Center just days after the September 11th attacks, I will never forget that Guardsmen were among the first to respond. More than 4,000 Army National Guardsmen from New York rushed to lower Manhattan to help to remove debris, rescue victims, treat the injured, and provide security. Today, National Guard personnel are flying combat patrols over American cities; they are providing security at our nation's airports, and they even provide security for us here on Capitol Hill. In my home state of Michigan, they stand guard at crossings along the Canadian border.

These citizen soldiers and airmen are indispensable to our Nation's security and to U.S. military operations. They have fought in every major American conflict since the colonial wars of the 17th century, and they are an integral part of all of our ongoing military operations today.

I know my colleagues join me in recognizing the many achievements of the National Guard on this historic day.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am delighted to join Chairman LEVIN and others in cosponsoring this resolution to honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 365th anniversary.

The men and women of today's National Guard have inherited a proud tradition of military service dating back to colonial days and extending throughout this Nation's history. Today, they are adding to this tradition. National Guard units are integrally involved in military operations in Bosnia, over Iraq, and against the al Qaeda terrorist network and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Our citizen soldiers and airmen are diligently performing their homeland security mission as part of Operation Noble Eagle. This service includes augmenting airport security operations at Virginia's nine commercial service airports.

No element of the National Guard has a prouder, more distinguished record of service than that of the Virginia National Guard. I need only mention the 29th Infantry Division and its superb service in the D-Day invasion at Normandy. In seven minutes that awful day, one company of that Division's 116th Infantry Regiment lost 96 percent of its fighting force. Twenty-six Bedford, Virginia, men went ashore. Nineteen were killed, including the company commander and first sergeant. Today, Guardsmen of that same unit are leading the U.S. sector's multinational Stabilization Force in Tuzla,